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1. On 20 July 1952 LI T'ien-yu (2621/1131/0147), commander of the Kwangsi Military District, conducted an inspection and review of all militia forces in his district. Approximately 6,000 militiamen from various localities and members of Local armed forces participated.
2. LI addressed the militia participating in this ceremony and stressed the following major points:
  - a. During the past year a noticeable development of militia units throughout Kwangsi has occurred and efforts to build up basic militia units have been generally completed.
  - b. Militia achievements have been especially noticeable in mutual-aid projects where they consolidated production and reconstruction efforts, and in local protection activities where they assisted troops in stabilizing local peace and order.
  - c. Between 1 February and 1 July more than 30,000 militiamen in Kwangsi joined regular troop units to receive modern military training. Of this group, 10,000 have been incorporated as combat units under the direct control of the Kwangsi Military District, thus raising the number of independent regiments commanded by the District from 14 to 17. In addition, approximately 15,000 militiamen have been organized into Communication Protection Corps for railways and highways, thus discharging national defense responsibilities.
  - d. Militia organizations in various border hsien and in areas occupied by minority racial groups have not been developed; only small armed force units lacking systematic organization exist in these areas.

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- e. Future efforts must be concentrated on developing armed militia among minority groups and on completing militia organization throughout the District as planned, in order that the militia can be available as reserve units of the Chinese Communist Army.

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